Demand of Indian Territory by China

920. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has demanded the Indian territory of Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh to resolve the border row;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) the total Indian area under forceful occupation of China till date and the steps being taken to get it back?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the Eastern Sector, including Tawang.

(b) Government has clearly stated that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India.

(c) China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 square kilometres in the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called China-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 square kilometres of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

The Special Representatives of India and China on the boundary question are engaged in discussions to explore the framework for a boundary settlement on the basis of the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question signed on April 11, 2005.

Summit with Brazil and South Africa

† 921. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed economic, cultural and political agreement in the summit of India, Brazil and South Africa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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